

JAGUAR

NORTH QUEENSLAND



REGISTER



CHEZ SCHOLZ VINE UND CHEEZ EVERNINK
SEPTEMBER 2008

RRP \$17.95

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

CLUB MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of each month except January & December (no meeting) at BP CLUDEN, Racecourse Road, 7:30pm

February 2008

Wednesday 6
Saturday 23/24

Meeting
BALGAL BBQ

March 2008

Wednesday 5
Saturday 25

Meeting
EASTER NATIONAL RALLY

April 2008

Wednesday 2
Saturday 26/27

Meeting
PALUMA OVERNIGHT

May 2008

Wednesday 7
Saturday 24/25

Meeting
HINCHINBROOK YACHT/RESORT OVERNIGHT

June 2008

Wednesday 4
Sunday 15

Meeting
ALL BRITISH DAY

July 2008

Wednesday 2
Saturday 26/27

Meeting
MACKAY OVERNIGHT

August 2008

Wednesday 6
Sunday 24

Meeting
WINE & CHEESE @ THE SCHOLZ'S

September 2008

Wednesday 3
Friday 26/27/28

Meeting
TABLELANDS

October 2008

Wednesday 1
Sunday 26

Meeting
HALIFAX PUB

November 2008

Wednesday 5
Saturday 29
Sunday 30

AGM
CHRISTMAS PARTY
RECOVERY PARTY

*Subject to confirmation closer to event date!

NOTE:

Sunday Runs

These runs are now only held in Townsville if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested, or driving through, give one of the committee members a call to discuss.

Emails

If you have an email address and can receive newsletters *or* if you change your email address *please* let the editor know as emails save time *and* money.

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WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2008

Meeting opened 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Reg & Jan Fels, Joe Pannia, Richard Dixon, Alan Collins, Craig Scholz, David Ashton, Peter Dixon, Kevin Fitz Gerald, Michael Fitz gerald

APOLOGIES:

David Ashton (for last month, not this month)

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 August 2008, having been previously distributed, were taken as read and confirmed.

CS / JP

BUSINESS ARISING:

- *Subscriptions/Rebate.* The response from JDCQ's Lloyd Anderson was received and was as expected. In summary the \$95 annual membership fee is broken down as follows:
 - \$80 Jaguar Driver (club monthly newsletter) and Australian Jaguar (bi-monthly magazine) which equates to a 'newsagent price of \$110',
 - \$11 club rebate,
 - \$4 whole of club expenses including public liability insurance, and
 - *Significant savings in club registration and insurance.*

The letter further stated that given that other regions are not seeking an increase it is doubted a motion would pass at a general meeting.

- *Missing newsletters.* Last month's newsletters were emailed but mistakenly not posted. They are included with this month's newsletter. Apologies to all concerned.
- *Errors in last months Mackay Story.* Last month's newsletter contained some factual errors which were quickly corrected. At least this proves that there are some club members with reading abilities!

CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS:

- Letters/Notices:, JDCQ Membership Rebate (see general Business above)
- Newsletters: NIL
- Catalogues: National Pens
- Magazines: NIL

OUTWARDS:

- NIL

RD / DA

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at 21 August 2008 was \$677.85 with two cheques for outstanding (ABD BBQ & Wine & cheese afternoon)

JP / PD

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Wine & Cheese Evening

The Wine & Cheese held at Craig & Virginia's place on Sunday 24 August was excellent. Needless to say, as was the company. Reg cooked one of his world famous Dampers for all to enjoy. Thankyou to Craig and Virginia for the effort in opening up your home to the club. The unguided 4WD tour of their property via their temporary driveway was also an unexpected but joyful pleasure.

Atherton Weekend.

Friday 19 and 20 September 2008

This weekend is taking the place of the Cape Tribulation weekend. It was decided that because of the fuel prices etc., we would go to Atherton instead. Anne and Richard have come up with some good entertainment for us.

Lets Begin:

Accommodation: We have booked cabins at Big 4 Caravan Park, 141 Herberton Road, Atherton for Friday and Saturday night. Four Cabins have been booked for the members who said they were coming. If you would like to join us please ring the Big 4 Caravan Park on 40911407 . The cabins are \$95 per night & we have been offered 10% discount. Cabins come with undercover carpark for our Jags. ***Please ring Jan on 4721 3636 if coming.***

Friday: We will meet at the Yabulu Roadhouse at 12.00noon and travel up to Atherton.

Saturday: Malanda Markets are on in the morning. Later we will go to Anne and Richards for a light lunch and chat. In the afternoon some might like to see the sights, while others might like a nanny nap!! Saturday Night we will go out to Dinner.

Sunday: We have been invited to attend the Restorers Club meeting. This will be held on a Cane/Vegie property at Tolga. After their 20 minute meeting we will make pizzas. They make the pizza base and we bring our own favourite toppings. Please bring your own Pizza Tray. The owners have a pizza oven and the pizzas take only a few minutes to cook. After lunch there is a Gymkhana for cars. Also don't forget your chairs.

Should be a good weekend and looking forward to seeing our Far Northern Friends again.

Meeting closed 8:15pm



SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

MACKAY/BRISBANE RUN:

The Ongoing Saga of the Grey Ghost...XJS...Story taken from Reg's Diary

Richard has already written about our weekend in Mackay, which we so enjoyed but we would just like to again thank Andy and Sarah, Tonny and Lyn, Ant and Cheryl for a great weekend. Lets hope we can catch up again soon.



On our way down to Mackay in the XJS, which by the way now has a new name "The Little Grey B...." we again experienced "fuel starvation ". This happened to us when coming back from the Adelaide Nationals and getting a tank full of dirty fuel. It was thought that all had been fixed with Reg spending hours taking out fuel tanks and changing filters. So it was a shock to find the car stopping and starting then no power at all so one had to quickly look for a place to get off the road. On our drive to Mackay it happened

three times. Richard's young son and his friend thought we would never get to Mackay and at one stage I thought we would be camping on the side of the road too. So it was good when we did finally arrive in Mackay and were able to have a meal and a stiff drink!!!

Sunday: After the Townsville group left for home we went around to Ant and Cheryl's home and here Reg and Ant took out the serge tank that still had a bit of dirt; so all was cleaned and we went back to the Motel. Monday we were on our way to Brisbane. We had planned a slow trip down to check out the beaches like Tannan Sands, 1770, Agnes Waters; places we always drive pass, but this time planned to visit. We had not gone far and the trouble started again. Sometimes we would travel 100kms next it would bail up after a kilometre or two. Finally we got to Yeppoon and stayed at a Motel close to the town.

Tuesday morning Reg bought essential tools at Mitre 10, went back to the car park by the information centre and once again unloaded the boot to dismantle the serge tank, this was found to be clean. On reassembly did a flow test on each stage and also injection fuel rail. This took the morning and soon we were on the road again only to go a few kms up the road and the car stopped and started once



more. When we got to the turnoff going into Rockhampton we sat there for a while and wondered whether we should head for home. As we were more than half way it was decided to head for Brisbane to see what the Jaguar Experts could find. Had lunch at Rockie, refuelled, travelled through Gladstone area and near Ambrose the trouble started again, Were able to get to Calliope and had a coffee to let car cool down, changed the relay fuse on the

fuel supply in boot and checked distributor spark which was good, off again, got to Bororen and the car cut out so booked into the local Motel.

Wednesday: Had a good run with a few hiccups. To the south of Gin Gin came to a halt so re bled fuel pump all OK. By now starting to think the fault lay in another direction. On to Maryborough, refuelled and had lunch then headed on with the stop-goes starting again. Here started to suspect electronic ignition amplifier, found the black plug on the side was broken but the wire had a good connection. Started putting wet cloth on unit, stopped again more wet treatment on EIA. Finally made Gympie. Rang Mike G.B. and discussed the problem, he agreed it could be the EIA. Rang around and only one Reg could locate was at Jag & R. Rover Spares, this one was 2nd hand. So Reg bought it. While walking through the Mall in Gympie we ran into Peter Carlson, it was great to have a chat. We asked him about accommodation, he thought there were few Motels to choose from, but not the case only problem every Motel we approached was booked out. Finally found a bed for the night on the outskirts of town.

Thursday: Peter rang and offered help and tools; thanks Peter for that. Left Gympie at 8am and for the first 60 kms getting small interruptions in spark but finally made Brisbane and headed straight to Gill Bailey. Mike didn't have a module to repair mine nor a spare unit, so bought a 2nd hand one from Murray. This was fitted but was a dud then Mike found a 2nd hand unit also a black plug, this was fitted with a heat dispersing fin and worked well. We then drove to our son's home and had no problems. But decided to order a new Bosch unit from Jagdaim and hopefully that will arrive Friday.

Friday: Received amplifier.

Saturday: Fitted amplifier, that afternoon drove to our other son's home on the Gold Coast and coming home at 11.35pm XJS problems back again.

Sunday: This time went in son's car to see the Jaguar Display at Southbank. Good to catch up with so many people we have met at various Nationals.

Monday: This was the day we were due to leave for home.....but contacted Jag Suppliers and Brian re advice:

Tuesday: Bought parts and supplies in Capalaba, changed coil in XJS, no different. Ordered pickup and rotor from H&H.

Wednesday: Dismantled distributor top, drove to Capalaba for more tools. When home broke distributor cap, counter weights, stopped centre shaft from going down full distance. Received parts from H&H

Thursday: Fitted pickup and assembled dissie, springs came off and flew everywhere. Drove to AGJ Parts and bought 2nd hand dissie cap for \$10 and a new original V12 pickup for \$75, tried again to set up springs, but no luck.

Friday: Only way to get spring on is to remove dissie, so arranged to have car taken by TILT TRAY TRUCK to John at Virginia Auto Electrics so it could be retimed. Arrived at 2.40pm, John had previously claimed he was very busy and would only have a limited time to do the job etc.etc. Which wasn't the case. His knowledge of the type was limited; Reg had to talk him through the process. As it turned out it wasn't necessary to return as the dissie cap could be removed and replaced on the marks I made. After being assembled the car fired up straight away, then after running for about 15 minutes the same problem reoccurred. Johns

only cure was to put an extra earth wire to amplifier and promptly lost interest. Fortunately I was able to drive back to Damian's home with only a few "hiccups"

Saturday: Started for home and got to Gympie where it started playing up again. Stopped for coffee, and then headed to Maryborough but the trouble got worse....

Reg had been thinking the problem through: Could it be at the electronic source?

Then checked the wiring and relays, drove on a bit further and when the car stopped again Reg again checked the ECU. Reg then discovered the multi plug connector was not properly home, rectified it and no more problems. So much for the Lucas Specialist!! Car drove magnificently all the way to Rockie and home the next day.



SUBSCRIPTION REBATE

Richard Dixon

What's going on here?!

The reasoning behind our state president Lloyd Anderson's patronising negative response to our register's request for an increase in the annual membership rebate cannot be accepted without questioning. There was a lot of discussion at the meeting and this is my take on it.

The NQ register is seeking an increase in funding to support the running and enjoyment of its local functions. The JDCQ in May alone spent \$1,312.87 on social functions (of which we received none). To put that in perspective, we receive less than \$300 per year or around \$23 per month to do *everything*. Responding to our request, the JDCQ has 'graciously' offered the register a short term loan to cover 'peculiar current circumstances'. A loan! And how are we supposed to pay it back? We deserve better.

Lloyd states that out of our \$95 membership fee (a whopping) \$80 goes to the Jaguar Driver (club monthly newsletter) and the Australian Jaguar (bi-monthly magazine). Lloyd states this as equating to a 'newsagent price of \$110'. The magazine's cover price is \$9.95 per issue (or \$5/month) and the monthly newsletter has a (believe it or not) \$5 cover price. Leaving aside the mathematics, let's talk about the magazine and leave the newsletter until later.

Does the JDCQ financially support the magazine? Obviously. According to the treasurer's report, the JDCQ in May alone spent \$2,380.91 in support. Why? Is the magazine a separate

business? Do we share in its profits? Why not? Why is subscription compulsory? No disrespect to the magazine, but if I don't like it, why is it being forced down my throat? Shouldn't I be free to choose?

Now the newsletter. *It's a newsletter.* Why is there a \$5 cover price for goodness sake? Of course in reality it has no value. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the read, but would anybody outside the club pay \$5 for the privilege? And why doesn't the newsletter pay its own way through advertising?

Does anyone believe as Lloyd does, that because of membership fees we enjoy *significant savings in club registration and insurance*? I'm pretty sure my fees have never saved me anything in registration or insurance costs. If I was only interested in cheaper car registration why wouldn't I join a local club and pay significantly less annual fees into the bargain?

Lloyd believes that as other regions are not seeking an increase, it is doubted a motion would pass at a general meeting. Silence does not necessarily mean agreement. Has there ever been a canvassing of regions? Does a passing of a motion need the support of other registers? We've never been asked! Do we ever get asked to send a delegate to an AGM?

This register has dedicated and loyal members with many years membership behind them, most of whom have slipped by unrecognised by the JDCQ. Some are even worthy of life membership. The JDCQ must stop treating the NQ Register as a cash cow and doormat. We deserve better!

All of this begs the question, what does the JDCQ do for us and why should we remain in the fold? What's that you're hearing? Rebellion?! Mutiny?! Stay tuned!!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Final reminder - don't forget to cough up!!

FOR SALE

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